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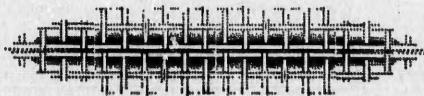
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Tommy Smart, a grocer's boy.....Miss Beckie Haight  
Dolly Green, a dangerous woman.....Miss Eva Randolph  
Erasimous, a colored servant.....Mr. John Conley

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NANCY.....MISS RICE

#### ACT I.—THE HOUSE OF THE STOCK BROKER.

Thomas Barton, a stock broker.....Mr. W. H. Fitzgerald  
Mary Barton, a young wife.....Miss Nellie Berwick  
Confidence Joe.....Mr. Ralph Bicknell  
Patch, a shoemaker.....Mr. H. Ehrent  
Erasimous, a colored servant.....Mr. John Conley

— AND —

NANCY.....MISS RICE

#### ACT II.—THE HOUSE OF THE PRIMA DONNA.

Geraldine, a Prima Donna.....Miss Alice Vincent  
Lisette, her maid.....Miss Rena Haight  
Duke of Cargoyle, a title for sale.....Mr. W. H. Fitzgerald  
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"I am here, gentlemen," explained the pickpocket to his fellow-prisoners, "as the result of a moment of abstraction."

"And I," said the incendiary, "because of an unfortunate habit of making light of things."

"And I," chimed in the forger, "on account of a simple desire to make a name for myself."

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**ACT III.—THE REFRESHMENT BALCONY AT THE FRENCH BALL.**

Mons Nightbird, a dissipated roue.....	Mr. W. H. Fitzgerald	
Major David Sylboots, a gay old deceiver.....	Mr. Frillman	
Dancing Joe.....	Ralph Bicknell	
Viola Sylboots, his wife.....	Miss Vincent	
Daisy Darling.....	Three Gay Girls. {	
Dolly Green.....		Miss Haight
Spanish Bell.....		Miss Randolph
Erasmus, a waiter.....	Miss Berwick	
Patch, a shoemaker.....	Mr. Conley	
	Mr. Ehrent	
—AND—		
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"So you are having your house re-  
decorated, Mr. Hawkins?" "Yes; the  
workmen began last week." "Are you  
making radical changes?" "Yes—very."  
"What is to be the main feature of the new  
house?" "You—if you'll consent."

### ON THE BOWERY.

Customer (in a restaurant)—Bring one  
Welsh rarebit and an order of pig's feet.  
Waiter (through slide)—One Taffy on a  
doorstep, one Tilly from the rooter!

### SHE HAD REVENGE.

As soon as closed the final scene  
Of each act he withdrew—  
In brief, went out the act between  
To see a man he knew.  
No tears adown her fair cheeks ran;  
She donned her sweetest smile,  
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*During the evening, incidental to the stage performance, the ORCHESTRA of the Grand Opera House, under the direction of FRED. L. EVANS, will perform the following selections :*

OVERTURE—"Poet and Peasant".....	Suppe
MARCH—"Kameka".....	Faust
ZYLOPHONE SOLO—"Cameo Polka".....	Muller
GALOP—"Salut".....	Lumbye

The above Programme subject to transposition.

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(From Puck.)

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Teacher asked who Samson was—  
S'pose I made a bad mistake—  
But I told her what I thought:  
Samson was a bloomin' fake.

Judge—Name? Prisoner—Smith. Judge  
—Occupation? Prisoner—Locksmith. Judge  
—Officer, locksmith up.

## SHE OUGHT TO.

Tagleigh—That girl dresses out of sight,  
doesn't she?

Wagleigh—Of course she does. Where  
would you have her dress?

Flossie—Mamma, tan I have a new dollie?  
Mamma—No! Your doll is just as good  
as new.

Flossie—Well I'se dest as dood as new, but  
Dod dave 'oo another little dirl.

First horse—"Well, they took poor old  
Dobbin to the slaughter-house to-day." Sec-  
ond horse—"That's too bad." First horse—  
"It is bad, but worse remains. They mean  
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—Life.

### ACCOUNTED FOR.

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Hungry Hawkes—"Nope! But I slep' in an onion bed last night."

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Oh, woman, lovely woman, were it not for thee,  
Man, indeed would have a fit and die from  
apathy.  
Thou art fair as the lily, and beauteous as  
the rose,  
For, coming down to beauty, you're in it, "I'll  
tell you those."  
Oh, woman, lovely woman, thy charms are  
ever great,  
Thou dost keep the men all guessing some-  
times at a lively rate.  
How often hast thou caught them with thy  
smile so fair to see,  
Oh, woman, lovely woman, come, wilt "smile  
with me?"  
Oh, woman, lovely woman, chief attraction—  
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Oh, woman, lovely woman, thy influence with  
man  
Has always held full sway e'er since the world  
began.  
Exert it in a profitable way o'er fathers, lovers  
and brothers,  
And tell them when they printing want—  
forget that "there are others."  
Then woman, lovely woman, thou hast not  
lived in vain,  
Pleasant day to-morrow, if indeed it does not rain  
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He—"I'd like a flower in my coat when I  
go." She—"I'll put it in now."

"Going to take your family abroad, Hicks?"  
"Yep." "Where, do you expect to be in  
August?" "In bankruptcy."

Wife—"What do you think of Bridget's  
cooking?" Husband—"I think if she tried  
to boil water she'd burn it."

She (reproachfully)—"You said you would  
die for me." He (stiffly)—"I was referring to  
my whiskers, madam."

"Say, guide, what does that memorial  
stone commemorate?" "I put it there. It  
is upon that spot where a tourist once gave  
me five marks."

Painter (to his model)—"Now you can  
rest a bit while I paint in the background."  
Peasant woman (bashfully)—"Ach, then I  
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